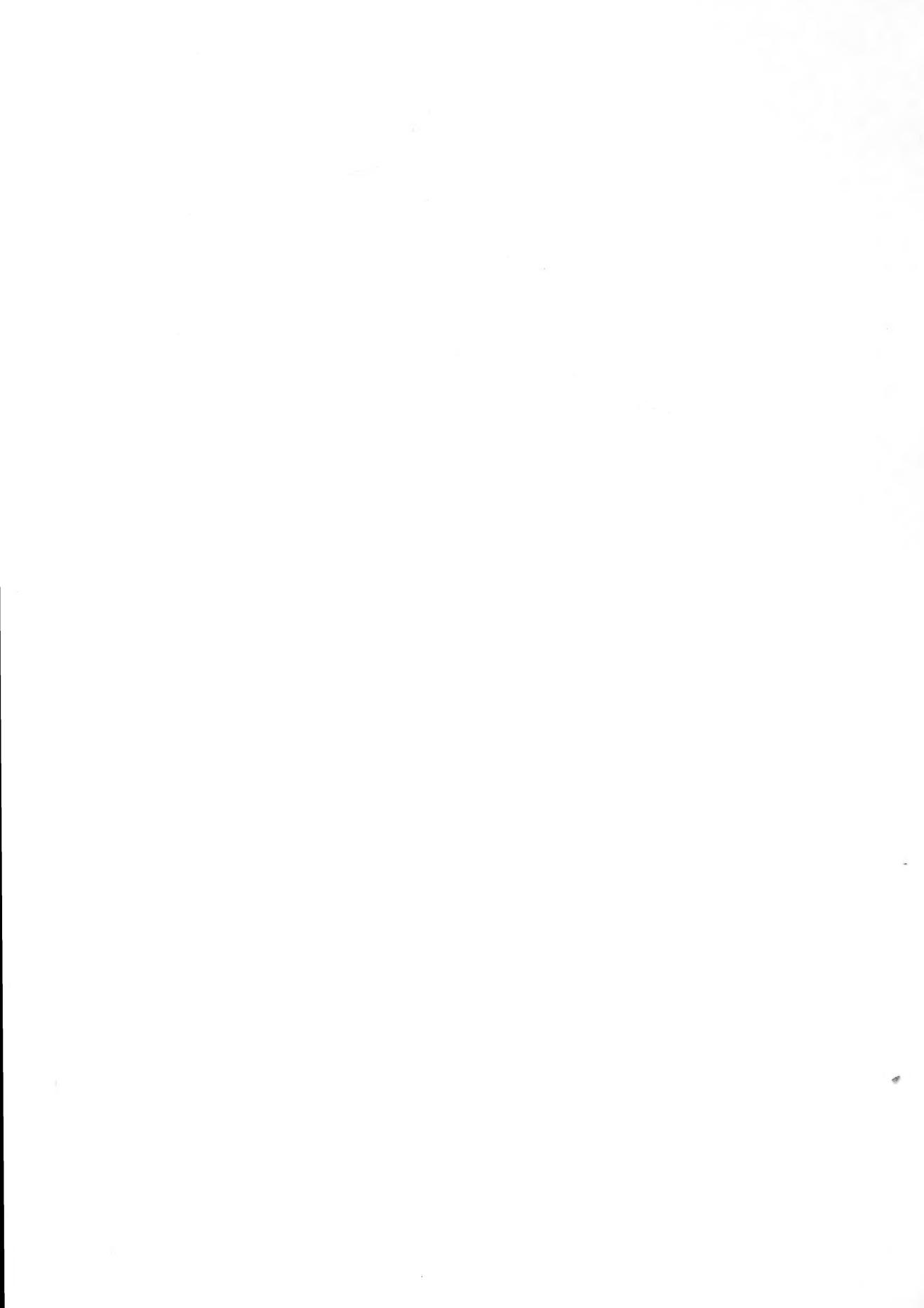


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BRIDGEVILLE · DELAWARE

A Fruit-Growers' Catalogue
of Fruit Trees for Profit

STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES

AND OTHER SMALL FRUITS

CHESTNUT, WALNUT and other NUT TREES

BUSINESS POINTS

THE honorable reputation of the Bridgeville Nurseries is as dear to us to-day as it has ever been during the generation of time in which we have been building it up. That reputation rests on fair dealing and the intelligent handling of our business, and it is our desire to add to it by supplying stock of all kinds which is absolutely first-class in every particular.

1. AS WE ARE EXTENSIVE FRUIT GROWERS as well as Nurserymen, our selections are made on a different basis from those of the average nurseryman, who is merely a tree-grower. We grow and **fruit**, and our judgment of varieties is based on actual field-trials. We tell you the truth as we know it, and offer trees and plants of just the character we like to plant ourselves.

2. NO AGENTS.—Please notice that we have no agents to call upon you and solicit your orders. This book is our sole solicitor. If you feel disposed to favor us with an order for trees, you will please turn to our order sheet, attached hereto, fill it out and mail it to us. We believe our stock and our business methods will commend themselves to you.

3. THIS LIST abrogates previous quotations, except on orders already booked.

4. PRICES.—Special prices can often be made on larger lots than quoted, and on car-loads, but **in no case will special quotations include free packing.**

5. FREE PACKING.—We bear all cost of packing—boxes, bales, moss, etc. All our stock is scientifically and carefully packed, and may be safely sent to any part of the world.

6. SHIPPING SEASON in fall begins October 1, and extends until the ground is frozen—often until mid-December. In spring we begin digging about March 1, and continue shipping until growth starts.

7. ESTIMATES.—During the busy season making estimates consumes too much time. This Catalogue is priced for the purpose of saving time; order from it.

8. FREIGHT OR EXPRESS.—As a rule, shipments of over 25 pounds should go by freight. It is unnecessarily wasteful to express strong, vigorous, dormant nursery stock. Even Strawberry plants, with our packing, go safely by freight from October 15 until May 1.

Our guarantee is accepted by railroads, and prepayment of freight is not required. The weight of stock packed will be about as follows per 100: Extra Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry and Peach trees, 150 to 200 lbs.; first-class, 100 lbs.; medium, 75 lbs., etc.

9. MAILING NURSERY STOCK IS ENTIRELY WRONG, but to oblige far distant customers, who cannot be reached by railroad or express, packages of small articles, not less in amount than \$2, will be sent by mail, postpaid, as follows: Fruit Trees, Nuts, etc., small size, 3 cts. per tree additional. Grape Vines, Gooseberry, Currant, 1 year, 2 cts. each additional. Raspberry, Dewberry, Blackberry, 10 cts. per 10 additional. Strawberry, 20 cts. per 100 additional. Ornamental Trees, Roses, etc., are too large to mail.

10. RATES ON TREES ONLY (NOT PLANTS).—For 10 and under 25, at the 10 rate; for 25 and under 300 at the 100 rate; for 300 or more, at the 1,000 rate—if not less than 10 of a variety; broken lots of not less than 10, at the single rate. Orders will be filled so long as we have the stock unsold, but in all cases are subject to previous sales. If you have sent us an order, and do not receive a reply within a reasonable time, write again. We acknowledge all orders, stating the amount found enclosed.

11. YOUR CHOICE of sorts always, but if you so request, we will make selections, using our best judgment. When orders cannot be filled to the letter, we exercise our judgment as to sending as nearly similar sorts as possible, or another size of the variety wanted.

12. SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS please give explicitly. When no particular directions are given, we exercise our judgment; but in no case do we assume responsibility for safe delivery and condition of stock, accidents or delays in transportation. When loss or delay occurs, claims should be immediately made upon carriers.

13. TERMS—CASH, or satisfactory security. We require at least one-fourth the price of the stock with order, the balance to be paid on delivery, except where the customers are well known to us or are favorably rated by the mercantile agencies. In such cases we will, with pleasure, give 20 to 30 days' credit; also, on bankable note or on your banker's guarantee.

On small orders it is better to send full amount always; better to send too much than not enough, as this often saves delay and correspondence. Any excess we return.

On larger orders remit about one-fourth the amount, and the balance we C. O. D. either by freight or express. But to C. O. D. by express is a needless expense, for we can now ship by freight "to Shipper's Order," and you pay the balance when receiving the stock, with no extra cost, usually, except price of bank draft or express money order for returning amount.

14. GUARANTEE.—We use the utmost care to prevent mistakes, but we sell our stock with the express understanding that should a mistake occur, and any prove untrue to label, we will, upon proper proof, refund the money paid or refill the order free, but are not to be liable for any sum greater than originally received for said stock.

15. NO INSECTS OR DISEASES.—See Certificate of Inspection, on 3d page of cover.

16. FUMIGATING.—We always fumigate our stock with hydrocyanic acid gas before shipping so that assurance of freedom from disease of any kind is made doubly sure. We kept the State law before it was made obligatory.

Address **MYER & SON, Bridgeville, Delaware.**

ORDER SHEET.
MYER & SON,
BRIDGEVILLE, DELAWARE.

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Forward to

Name of Person _____
(Ladies please sign Miss or Mrs.)

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Name of Express Office _____

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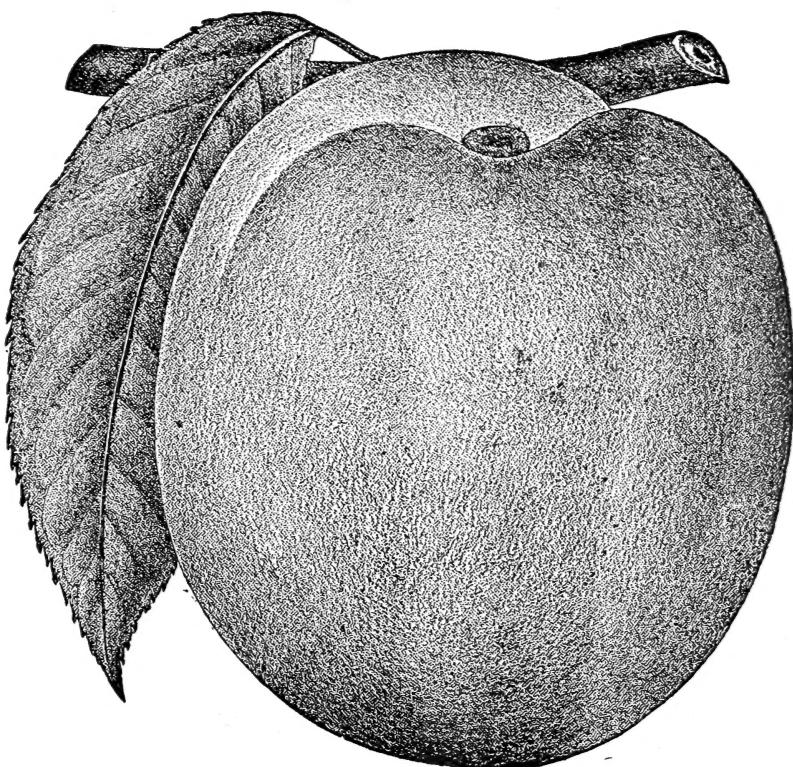
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~~• No order filled for less than \$1.00.~~

SUBSTITUTION.—It frequently occurs that special varieties ordered have been in great demand, and the stock has been exhausted. In such cases we will not substitute unless you ask us to, but your money will be returned. If you want us to send the next best we will. Shall we substitute or not? Yes or No.

ORDER SHEET—CONTINUED.

Please give names and addresses of a few friends who are interested in fruit-growing, and we will be glad to add enough extra stock to your order to pay for your kindness.



CARMAN PEACH. (See page 4.)

MYER & SON, BRIDGEVILLE NURSERIES, BRIDGEVILLE, DELAWARE.

PEACH TREES.

The experience of a generation in growing fruit trees puts us in a position to know how to produce the finest, most vigorous stock that can be grown, and that will grow and bear fruit true to name when we send it out.

The Peach requires a well-drained soil. A warm, sandy or gravelly loam is proper, and should be fertilized and kept in cultivation. Ashes, potash and bone are excellent fertilizers. Cut to a naked cane and top when planting; trim off all bruised or broken roots cleanly with a sharp knife. The previous year's wood should be shortened-in to keep the head vigorous and in good shape.

The following list embraces a number of new sorts of promise. In this connection, it is well to state that many of the so-called extra-early Peaches prove to be very similar in character and unreliable for profit; we present, however, several new early Peaches which are very promising.

We offer, in addition to the usual 1-year-old trees, a list of June-budded trees. These are smaller, of course, but in some localities succeed better than August-budded trees. We advise planters to try the June buds; they are the finest we ever saw, and cannot fail to give satisfaction.

PRICES OF PEACH TREES:

Standard varieties, August-budded, except where otherwise noted.

	Each	100	1,000
4 to 5 feet, first-class, 1 year from bud.....	\$0 10	\$6 00	\$50 00
3 to 4 feet, medium, 1 year from bud.....	08	5 00	40 00
2 to 3 feet, third-class, 1 year from bud.....	06	4 00	30 00
1 to 2 feet, 1 year from bud.....	04	3 00	20 00

Matthews' Beauty, Alberta, Carman, Connett's Early and Belle of Georgia are two cents each higher.
Berenice 5 cents higher.

	Each	100	1,000
First class.....	\$0 10	\$4 00	\$30 00
Medium.....	08	3 00	20 00

Varieties of 100 each will be furnished at 1,000 rates. Varieties of 25 each or more at 100 rates. Less than 25 at single rates. (See list of varieties on page 5.)

..General..
List of Peaches.

Alphabetically Named.
T **Beer's Smock.** Deep yellow, red cheek, medium size; late.

Belle. Large and bright colored; flesh white, luscious.

Bequett Free. See below.

Brandywine. Yellow freestone; large, showy. September.

Carman. See below.

Chair's Choice. Large, late, yellow freestone.

Champion. The earliest good shipping freestone; large; white flesh.

Chinese Cling. Large; creamy white, with blush; midseason.

Connett's Southern Early. Large, creamy white, with blush; white flesh, small seed; tree vigorous and productive.

Crawford's Early. Large, yellow, with red cheek; freestone.

Crawford's Late. Similar to preceding, but later; vigorous, profitable, showy.

ELBERTA. Valuable yellow freestone market sort; exceedingly productive and popular.

EMMA. A seedling of Elberta, ripening just after it. Medium; yellow; freestone.

Family Favorite. A large and brightly colored freestone of good quality, ripening in mid-season.

Fitzgerald. A new Canadian variety. Extra large; yellow; of Early Crawford type; hardy in tree and bud; early.

Foster. Large yellow freestone.

Fox's Seedling. Fine sure-cropping freestone; white-fleshed; good market sort.

Henrietta. Bright yellow; large; fine keeper.

Heath Cling. Large, oval; white-fleshed, firm, sweet. Sept.

Moore's Favorite. Much like Oldmixon; a little later.

Matthews' Beauty. Large, late yellow. A new Peach of much merit. Originated in the famous Peach belt of Georgia.

Mountain Rose. Flesh white, sweet, juicy; large; freestone. August.

Oldmixon Free. Superior old sort; white, with sun blush. August and September.

Princess Late Rareripe. A high-flavored white freestone; bright marbled skin.

Prize. Large yellow freestone; late.

Reeves' Favorite. Rich colored and fine flavored; large; shy bearer. August.

Salway. Very late; yellow; of fine flavor.

Sneed. An extra early Peach of large size; white, with red blush; flesh greenish-white, fine-grained, adhering slightly to the stone. Said to ripen before Alexander.



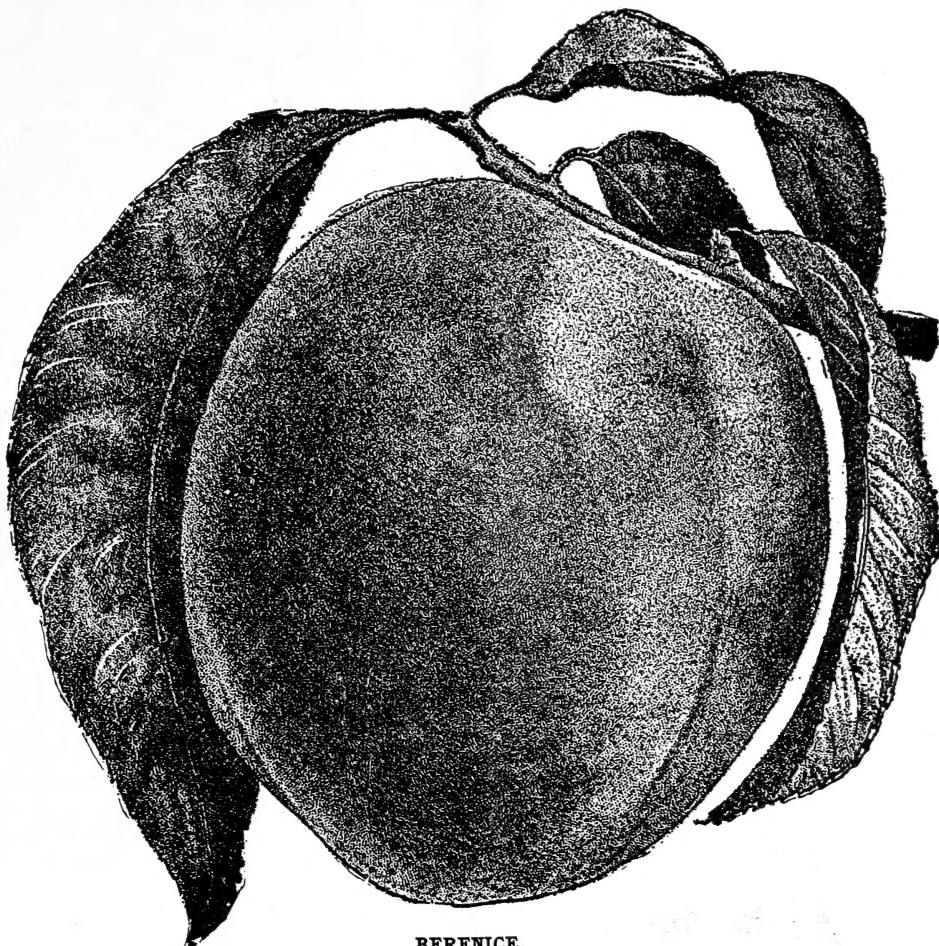
Elberta Peach.

GREENSBORO. This new Peach is much larger and earlier than Alexander, and is nearly freestone. It is pale, with carmine blush, and is of attractive appearance. The flesh is white, and of exceedingly good flavor; it is vastly superior to Alexander, as well as larger and earlier. The trees are vigorous and bear abundantly.

BEQUETT FREE. Large; skin greenish white, blushed and marbled with red; free. Flesh white, and of fine quality. It is a certain and heavy bearer, and the fruit is all large. Its season is just after Oldmixon, but as a market Peach it is superior.

CARMAN. A new, hardy, rot-proof Peach, ripening at the same time as Early Rivers, yet almost as large and fine as Elberta itself; large, roundish, with pale yellow skin, red blush on sunny side; white flesh, tender and melting; rich, sweet and of superior flavor; by far the finest of any Peach ripening ahead of Mountain Rose. It is a great thing to have a Peach so early which is yet of such elegant quality. Carman is also a notable shipper—it carries well for long distances. J. H. Hale, the shrewd Connecticut and Georgia peach-grower, has planted very heavily of this new sort, which originated in Texas. (See illustration on page 3).

Forty car loads of Peaches were shipped from Bridgeville in one day during the fruiting season last year, and much of the fruit was grown on trees bought from us. We have been long enough in business to be sure of the trees we sell.



BERENICE.

GENERAL LIST OF PEACHES—
Continued.

Stump the World. Large; flesh white, rich, juicy; a productive freestone, successful over a large area.

Thurber. Medium to large; white-fleshed, delicious freestone; good bearer. July.

Townsend. A trifle larger and later than Crawford's Late; profitable.

Triumph. Very early; yellow. **Waddell.** See description opposite.

Wheatland. Valuable; large; late, yellow freestone; a Pennsylvania Peach of good quality.

Yellow St. John. One of the most beautiful and profitable early yellow freestones.

WADDELL. Another new early Peach, originating in Georgia, and commended especially by Mr. Hale, who has planted it largely. It is of medium to large size, oblong in shape; creamy-white, with bright blush; flesh firm, white, and very sweet and rich when ripe; freestone. One notable thing is the long-keeping quality of Waddell, and also its exceptional capacity for shipping. There is no doubt as to the value of this new Peach.

BERENICE. "A superb late yellow Peach, said to be a seedling of Elberta, and as it just follows that variety in ripening, I have planted it very extensively in orchard, for we all know that Elberta, grand as it is, has been largely over-planted, and markets are sure to be flooded during Elberta season; while a fine yellow Peach, coming after Elberta is out the way, should command double price. I am sure it is in every way superior to Late Crawford or any of its class. For a large, beautiful, red and yellow Peach, plant Berenice."

ORIOLE. Large; yellow, rich, buttery. Middle of August. A yellow-fleshed Chinese Cling.

HILEY. Ripens with Tillotson, but is of larger size, and very highly colored. Of good quality and a fine shipping variety.

JUNE-BUDDED TREES IN LARGE LOTS.

The following varieties ONLY:

Varieties of 100 each at 1,000 rate. Of 25 each or more, at 100 rate. Less than 25 at single rates.
Belle of Georgia, **Champion,** **Elberta,** **Prize,**
Bequette Free, **Connett's Southern Early,** **Greensboro,** **Reeves' Favorite,**
Carman, **Crawford's Late,** **Mountain Rose,** **Waddell.**

Gold Mine, Francis and Catskill, any size, 25 cents each: \$10 per 100.

Berenice and Hiley June buds, \$10.00 per 100; Elberta, all over 20 per cent. of order, 2 cents extra.

PLUMS.

The Plum is one of our most healthful and useful fruits, and when carefully and judiciously cultivated, one of the most profitable also. The curculio is its chief enemy, but if it is combated with skill its ravages can be reduced to a minimum. As soon as the blossoms are fallen, spread two sheets under a tree, and with a hammer strike a hard blow on the stub of a limb sawed off for that purpose. Kill the insects which drop on the sheet. Collect all the fallen fruit and feed to swine, or burn. Keep this up every morning before sunrise for two weeks, and you will get a good crop of fruit.

The new Japan Plums are enormously productive, and combine many desirable qualities.

PRICES OF PLUM TREES ON PLUM STOCK.

European varieties, first class, 25 cents each, \$2.75 per dozen, \$20.00 per 100.

Japan and Native Varieties, except where noted.

	Each	Doz.	100
Sophie, Wickson, Red June, on Plum, 1 year, No. 1.....	\$0 35	\$3 00	\$20 00
Hale, 1 year, No. 1.....	35	3 00	25 00
Spaulding, No. 1, mail or express.....	35	3 00	20 00
Abundance, 1-2 feet by mail, or 4-6 feet by express.....	25	2 50	15 00
Satsuma, 1-2 feet by mail, or 4-6 feet by express.....	25	2 50	15 00
Burbank, 1-2 feet by mail, or 4-6 feet by express.....	25	2 50	15 00
Willard, 1-2 feet by mail, or 4-6 feet by express.....	25	2 50	15 00
Native Plums.....	25	2 50	15 00

BEST JAPAN AND NATIVE PLUMS.

ABUNDANCE. Very early and heavy fruiting; amber color, with white blooms; highly perfumed and flavored. Curculio-proof. August.

BURBANK. Crimson-purple; rich and handsome; tree hardy and productive.

HALE. Large, golden-yellow, with red cheek; flesh yellow, very rich and juicy. Pronounced by Prof. Bailey, "the best in quality of all Japan Plums." Tree of tremendous vigor and luxuriance; ripens its fruit late; superb shipper.

RED JUNE. The earliest large-fruited market Plum. Red, with yellow, solid flesh; good bearer and keeper. A splendid fruit. June.



Red June.

SATSUMA. Dark red; flesh purple, sweet, delicious, firm; stone small. One of the best Plums from Japan. A fine keeper and shipper, and especially good for preserving.

SPAULDING. Noted for size and shipping qualities. Tree strong-growing, sure, heavy cropping. Curculio-proof.

WICKSON. A Burkank seedling of great merit. Fruit very large, white changing to deep carmine; flesh extremely rich, firm, fine; pit small; will keep and ship extra well.

WILLARD (No. 2 Botan). A week earlier than Abundance; large; fine-flavored; immensely productive.

SUMMER APPLES.

Carolina Red June (Red June). Medium size, deep red; flesh white, tender, juicy, sub-acid; tree an abundant bearer.

Early Harvest. Medium size, pale yellow; sub-acid flavor; productive.

Early Strawberry. A pretty apple of medium size: creamy-yellow, streaked crimson; productive.

Fanny. Handsome, slightly conical fruit of deep, rich crimson; tender, juicy, sub-acid. Keeps well and is of splendid quality.

Gravenstein. Very large, handsomely striped; of best quality; tree strong and rapid growing.

Large Sweet Bough. A large, beautiful light yellow Apple; flesh rich juicy, solid.

Red Astrachan. Rather large; deep crimson, handsome, pleasantly acid. Profitable market sort.

Summer Pearmain. Flesh yellowish, tender, juicy, rich; skin light green, with red cheek.

Williams' Favorite. A handsome dessert Apple; large, oblong, fine flavored: bears heavily.

Yellow Transparent. Valuable as the earliest market variety: medium to large; light yellow.

CHOICE FALL APPLES.

Duchess of Oldenburg. A beautiful Apple of good size and quality: red striped. Early Sept.

Fallwater. Very large, golden-green, with red cheek; productive market sort.

Yellow Bellflower. Large, beautiful and delightful fruits, of distinct shape: yellow, tinged red crisp, juicy, aromatic; free in growth and bearing. Nov. to April.

Fall Pippin. Of fine size and delicious quality. Skin yellow; tree vigorous, October to December.

Grimes' Golden. A bright yellow Apple, of fair size and excellent flavor, which grows and bears well in all sections. January to April.

Nyack Pippin, 25c each.
Gano, 25c each.

APPLES.

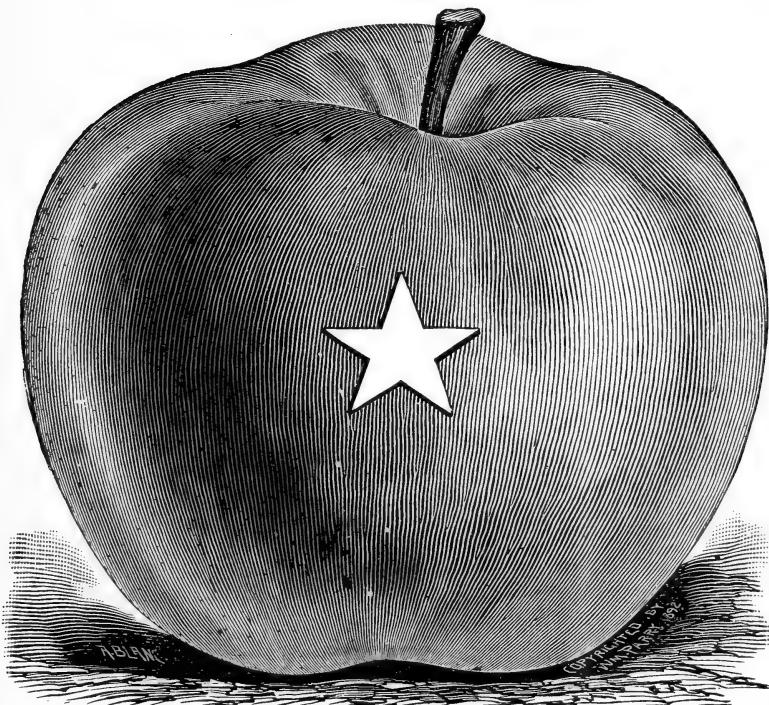
20 cts. each, \$2 per doz., \$15 per 100; medium, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100, except where otherwise noted. Have a large stock of these, vigorous, smooth, and well rooted.

BLACK TWIG. One of the most profitable Apples for market grown. It resembles in every way the Winesap, except that it is from one-third to one-half larger. The trees are also the same in habit of growth, color of bark and foliage, but Black Twig is the stronger grower, and makes a handsome tree in the nursery and orchard.

STAYMAN WINESAP. After several years' fruiting, we have no hesitation in saying that this is the finest "all-round" winter apple that has come under our notice. The fruit is large, covered with lively red, in alternating stripes of two shades. It is a seedling from the old and well-known Winesap, but is superior to its parent in size, color, flavor and keeping qualities. The tree is more vigorous in growth, too, but very much like the parent in its drooping habit. In these times, when quality is important in dessert Apples, such a fruit as this becomes doubly valuable. Here are beauty and quality combined; and an orchard of Stayman Winesap will be a good insurance against the poor-house, if decently treated. 25 cts. each.

STAR. The best of Summer Apples. The very best summer Apple for general culture. The tree is a good grower, comes to fruiting young, and produces annually abundant crops. Fruit is very large, 11 to 12 inches around; showy, being pale green; frequently with handsome blush on sunny side; very early, being marketable first week in July, and will continue in good condition until September. It is an excellent shipper for so early an Apple, having carried to California in good condition. Pleasant sub-acid; a very superior cooking and very good eating Apple. 2-yrs., 50c. each.

See page 6 for other Summer Apples.



STARR APPLE.

Winter Apples.

Baldwin. A standard Apple of fine quality: none better for general crop in most localities.

Ben Davis. Large; red-striped; sub-acid, good. Very popular west and south.

Lankford Seedling. Large; red; quality good; long-keeping; tree productive.

Lawver (Delaware Winter). Fine, dark red fruit, of pleasant, sub-acid flavor; keeps long; tree robust, productive.

Rome Beauty. Large; roundish, conical, red-striped; of delightful quality.

Smith's Cider. Early and sure-cropping; fruit of good size; light green, striped red.

Smokehouse. Medium to large; yellow, shaded rich red; rich, juicy, tree productive.

Stark. Much esteemed as a late-keeping, fine market sort. Fruit large, yellow, striped red; quality fine; good bearer.

Winesap. Oblong dark red fruit of medium size; flesh yellow, crisp, juicy; keeps late, bears well; excellent quality.

York Imperial (Johnson's Fine Winter). Yellow flesh, highly flavored, keeps late; tree strong and heavy bearer; fruit shaded with red; a popular market Apple in the east.

QUINCES.

The distinct flavor and solidity of the Quince make it of especial value for canning, preserving, jellies, etc. The grower, whether on a large or small scale, will do well to give some space and attention to the Quince.

MEECH. Strong grower, enormously productive, and comes into bearing very young. Of fine form and color, rich fragrance, flavor and large size. Unsurpassed for cooking.

CHAMPION. Very hardy and prolific, bearing when very young, often at two and three years old in nursery rows. Fruit very large, showy, handsome; flesh rich yellow; tender, cooks free from lumps.

ORANGE. The well-known popular sort; large, golden yellow; fine quality.

REA'S MAMMOTH. Seedling of Orange Quince; the tree is a strong grower; the fruit is large and handsome.

PRICES:

First-class trees, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20 per 100; medium, 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz. \$15 per 100.

PEARS.

The Pear, like most other fruits worth having, requires attention and skill in cultivation; much more, in fact, than the Apple. Summer Pears should be gathered about ten days before they are ripe, and autumn Pears at least two weeks before. Winter varieties may be let hang, if they will, till the leaves fall.

Standards should be placed 20 feet apart each way, 108 trees to the acre, with dwarfs set each way between them. The ground should be thoroughly cultivated until they come to bearing. Vegetables, potatoes, or vine crops can be grown to advantage among them for a few years.

PRICES OF PEAR TREES.

	Each	Doz.	100
STANDARD —Extra, 2 to 3 years, express or freight.....	\$0 30	\$3 00	\$15 00
First-class, 2 years, “ “	25	2 50	12 00
Medium, 2 years, “ “	20	2 00	10 00
DWARF —First-class, 2 to 3 years.....	20	2 00	15 00
Medium	15	1 50	10 00
NEWER VARIETIES—			
Koonce, Idaho, Vermont } First-class.....	25	2 50	20 00
Beauty, Wilder's Early, } Medium	20	2 00	15 00
Lawson,			

PRICES OF KIEFFER AND LE CONTE PEAR TREES.

	Each	Doz.	100
Extra, 6 to 7 feet, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and up.....	\$0 40	\$3 50	\$25 00
First-class, 5 to 6 feet, $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.....	30	3 00	20 00
Medium, 4 to 5 feet, $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch.....	25	2 00	15 00
Small, 3 to 4 feet.....	20	1 50	10 00

LEADING VARIETIES.

BARTLETT. Fruit large; yellow, with red blush; juicy; buttery; grows fast; bears well.

BEURRE D'ANJOU. Of good size and rich flavor; golden green; productive.

CLAPP. Large, handsome fruit, marbled with dull red; flesh melting, delicious; vigorous, valuable.

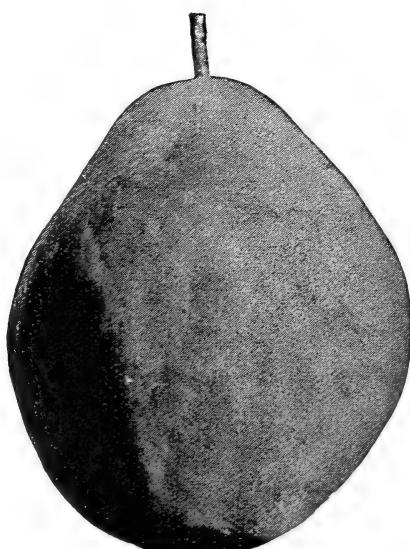
GARBER HYBRID. Noted for vigor, freedom from blight, and heavy crops. Fruit large, round, smooth, waxen yellow; fine for canning.

HOWELL. Yellow fruit of good size and flavor; sure to grow and bear well.

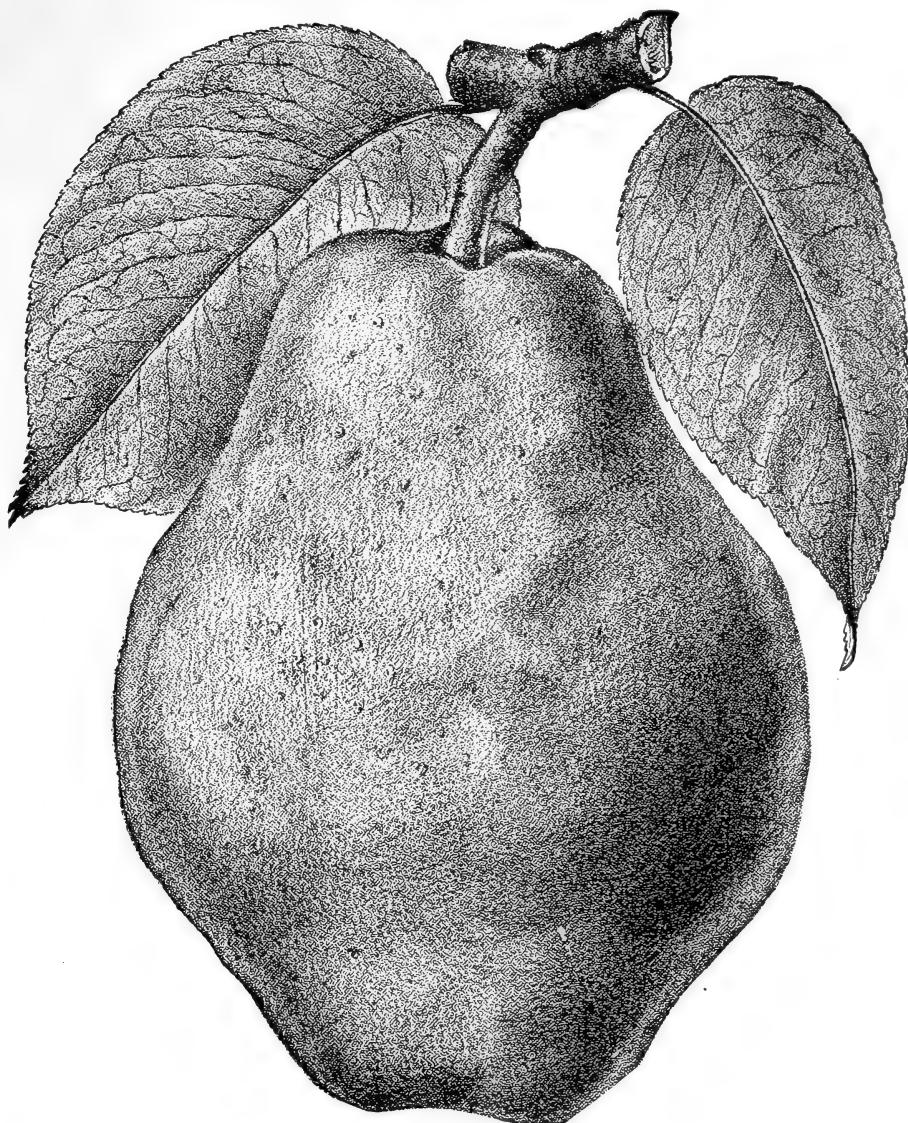
IDAHO. Tree upright and vigorous in habit; very productive of fruit of largest size; form roundish or ovate; flavor pleasant, equal to Bartlett; flesh entirely free from gritty texture; core exceedingly small, and often without seeds; later than Bartlett, and a good shipper.

KOONCE. A valuable, very early Pear; is of striking beauty and excellent quality. Tree very vigorous, free from blight, upright; fruit medium to large; skin yellow, one side covered with bright red; ripens two weeks earlier than Harvest Belle, does not rot at the core, and is of delicious quality.

KIEFFER. Fruit large, golden yellow, with red cheek; most excellent for canning. Tree vigorous, blight proof, enormously productive; a solid reliance for a crop, and only becomes a greater favorite as the years pass.



KOONCE PEAR.



PEARS—Continued.

LAWRENCE. Canary yellow fruit of medium size; sweet and melting; late keeping; growth good; bears full and annually.

LE CONTE. Of fair quality and fine size; smooth, handsome, bright green; a very profitable pear for canning, evaporating or shipping.

SECKEL. A delicious little russet pear, renowned for its rich juiciness; tree slow in growth; free from blight.

SHELDON. Another excellent russet pear of good size; melting, juicy, with a brisk, vinous, excellent flavor; tree vigorous; heavy bearer.

VERMONT BEAUTY. Very hardy, vigorous, free from leaf-blight, and an annual and abundant bearer. In quality the fruit resembles the Seckel. It is full medium size, yellow, with red blush; flesh melting, rich, juicy, aromatic. Ripens with and after the Seckel, though much larger and more attractive.

WILDER EARLY. A good growing, good keeping, good shipping, superior flavored, very early handsome pear. It holds its foliage well, and thus far has been free from blight or other disease. Medium size, handsome, of high quality; solid, and does not rot at the core.

CHERRY TREES.

Select varieties, sour and sweet—first-class, \$25 per 100; second-class, \$18 per 100.

HARDY GRAPES.

GOOD NEW GRAPES.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY. A strong, vigorous, hardy vine, with thick, mildew-resisting foliage, bearing large, compact clusters of large berries; black with light purple bloom; skin thin, but very tenacious; flesh firm but tender, parting easily from its few and small seeds.

Flavor rich, sweet, slightly vinous. Its season is very early, from August 15 to 30, and its keeping qualities are remarkable, the berries having hung upon the vines sound and perfect for six weeks or more after ripening, with no tendency to fall off or shell from the stem. 1-yr. vines, 50c each; \$5 per doz.; 2-yr. vines, 75c each; \$7.50 per dozen.

GREEN MOUNTAIN. A very fine, early white Grape. Vine very strong, healthy grower and very productive. Clusters of medium size and often shouldered: berries larger than Delaware; skin thin and quality fine; pulp tender, sweet and free from foxiness. Vines are hardy and vigorous as Concord, and free from rot and mildew. 1-yr. vines, 20c each; \$2 per doz.; 2-yr. vines, 30c each; \$3 per doz.

EARLY OHIO. Claimed by introducers to be "the earliest black Grape known; ripens ten days to two weeks before Moore's Early; bunches large, compact and shouldered; berry medium, covered with a heavy bloom, of good quality: adheres firmly to the stem; leaves very large, thick and leathery; perfectly healthy; fully as hardy as Concord; a vigorous grower, and very productive." 1-yr. vines, 25c each; \$2.50 per doz.; 2-yr. vines, 35c ea.; \$3.50 per doz.

Standard Grape Vines.

The capitals within parenthesis denote the season of ripening, the small letters the color.

Agawam, (M. r.)	Delaware, (M., r.)	Jefferson, (L., r.)	Niagara, (M., w.)
Brighton, (M., r.)	Duchess, (M., w.)	Lady, (E., w.)	Salem, (M., r.)
Campbell's Early, (E., b.)	Early Victor, (E., b.)	Lady Washington, (L., w.)	Ulster, (M., r.)
Catawba, (L., r.)	Empire State, (E., w.)	Moore's Diamond, (M., w.)	Wilder, (M., b.)
Champion, (E., b.)	Green Mountain, (E., w.)	Moore's Early, (E., b.)	Woodruff, (E., r.)
Concord, (M., b.)	Highland, (L., b.)	Moyer, (E., r.)	Worden, (E., b.)

Prices for any of these varieties save the varieties specially priced above: 1-yr vines, by mail, 20c. each; \$2 per doz.; 2-yr vines, by mail, 25c each; \$2.50 per doz.

STRAWBERRIES.

This, the most popular of the small fruits, is of tremendous importance with us. Bridgeville is in the very heart of one of the greatest Strawberry-growing regions of the United States, and from our station are shipped, in the fruiting season, many car-loads daily. Being ourselves largely engaged in berry-growing, and in the midst of thousands of acres devoted to this luscious fruit, we are certainly in exceptionally good circumstances for judging varieties; indeed, it is of the utmost importance to us to know which varieties will produce the most and largest berries of the best qualities. Our production and sale of plants run to millions annually, and we thoroughly understand the Strawberry "points." Further, we are in a position to obtain the experience and see the production of the largest growers. **We know about Strawberries;** we are not easily "fooled," and we tell our customers just what we believe and practice. Each year we drop from the list all varieties not up to a high standard, and our list is free from "chaff."

We have in stock a very large and varied assortment of the best Strawberry plants to be had anywhere. They are all strong, vigorous stock, in first-class condition, and bound to give satisfaction to those who plant them.

Specialties in Strawberries.

These are varieties which our extended experience leads us to especially commend to our friends. In every case we have planted largely for ourselves—we "take our own medicine." See prices at end of list.

CAMERON EARLY. Introduced by D. Brandt, of Ohio, who offered \$100 for 100 plants of any experiment stations, in competition with any other varieties, leaving the stations to decide, the offer to hold good to January, 1903. We are not in competition, as we got our plants only last spring, and from a customer in California who wrote us favorably of it.

The originator says it would bloom at every warm spell during the winter and early spring; as soon as the last cold weather was over it was full of bloom; and if cut down by frost it would push out more buds. The berries are large and fine, and of fine flavor. I believe it is the earliest of all strawberries. Mr. Brandt says it was full of ripe berries, and at its best when Michel's Early, Excelsior, and other early sorts commenced to show a few red berries. Mr. A. W. Wasner, of Iowa, says Cameron Early was ready for business two weeks before any other variety he had. Not fruited here.

MARIE is one of a lot of seedlings grown in 1892 from seed of Crescent, fertilized with Cumberland land. Talk about ancestry and pedigree: when you can get a berry that will make as many bushels as the old Crescent, and as large as Cumberland, with good solid color, then you are approaching the ideal in the Strawberry. Such are claims we make for Marie, and Marie covered for us every claim made this season, 1903.

UNCLE JIM (OR DORNAN). Plant is large and healthy, with abundant foliage. Berries large, very uniform, handsome and attractive. Perfect blossom.

LYON. A new variety from Mr. Cone, the noted Strawberry specialist of Wisconsin. It ranks almost perfect in the five points of vigor, productiveness, size, quality and firmness. Imperfect blossom.

MINUTE MAN. Plant is strong and hardy; seems suited to almost any kind of soil. Fruit is dark glossy crimson color, on strong fruit stems. Very large and quality equal to the Marshall. Imperfect bloom.

PORTO RICO. Another seedling of the Haverland and Parker Earle, and an improvement on Parker Earle in several respects. It does not set more berries than it can mature, as the Earle often does. It is a better grower, making more runners; berries large and handsome. Imperfect bloom.

LESTER LOVETT. Introduced last year by Mr. J. T. Lovett, of New Jersey, the introducer of the Gandy, who says of it: "The Lester Lovett possesses all the valuable properties of the Gandy, with added lateness; it is wonderfully prolific and of superior quality. Its season is ten days later than Gandy and all other varieties in cultivation, and continues to yield large fine fruit for two weeks after the last berries of Gandy have ripened. The berries are globular or slightly conical, uniformly very large and perfect in shape, continuing large till close of season. Color, brilliant."

AUTO. A new Delaware berry, for which distinctness, large size, and fine quality are claimed by reliable introducers. It produced at the rate of over 8,000 quarts per acre last spring, bearing a fine crop right through dry weather when other sorts were short. The plant is said to be of unusual vigor and to carry its fruit well up from the ground. A special claim is made as to its unusually high quality, and it is remarkable as a productive, perfect-flowering sort.

CHALLENGE STRAWBERRY. (Perfect.) The first requisite of a successful variety is vigor, but in large, stocky, healthy plants, with long roots that go down where the water is, that send out comparatively few runners but bear enormous crops. While we have seen some rust on the Challenge, as we have on nearly, or quite, every other variety at some time or another, the plants, after an unusually wet season, were among the cleanest and best looking on our place in December. Its long roots enable it to go through a drought better than probably any other variety on the market, as was proven at its home in Missouri in the awful summer of 1901. It is productive, large, of good color, and probably firmer than any other. In the four years we have fruited it, we have always found it enormously productive. The berries are as large as the Bubach, that is, as large as any variety with which we are acquainted, and are generally of good form, not creased like the Bubach, or coxcombed like the first Wm. Belt, but more of the form of the Parker Earle, only shorter and broader—a somewhat flattened double cone with the broadest part almost midway between the stem and the tip. The color is dark red, it colors all over and is red clear through. In firmness we believe it is the peer, if not the superior of any big berry we have ever known. The originator shipped Challenge berries from Missouri to Denver in a common express car, and they arrived in fine condition.

MRS. MARK HANNA

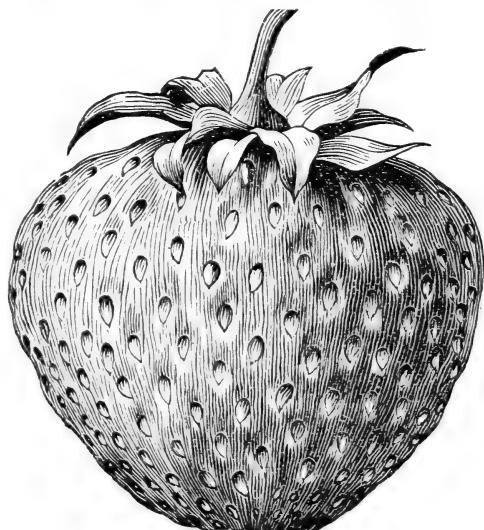
A Giant Among Large Berries. Tremendous Yielder. All Berries Perfect Shape.

Messrs. Myer & Son:

Bartow, Fla.

Dear Sirs: Your plants received to-day and in fine condition. The plants are doing better than thought for. Your plants are the best I have seen. Respectfully,

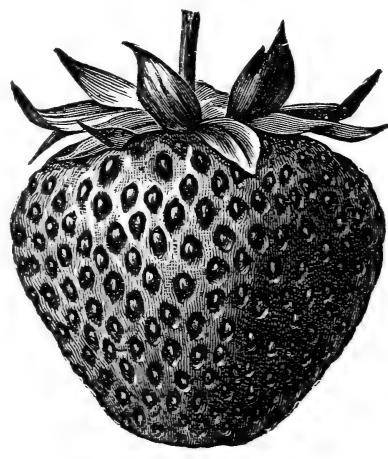
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MRS. MARK HANNA.

STRAWBERRIES—Continued.

KANSAS. (Imperfect). Mr. Allen says: "Its drought-resisting qualities are superb. Its fruit is a deep crimson, not only on the surface, but through and through. This feature, together with its own strong Strawberry flavor, will make it, when it becomes better known, perhaps the most popular Strawberry for canning ever yet produced. Time of ripening late. It is productive of fine, medium to large berries that make a very handsome showing in the package, and always attract the best buyers."



TAMA JIM.

HERO. (Perfect). "The fruit is large, well formed, of dark red color, and shows the color through and through. It is of most excellent flavor, not only tasting delicious while eating, but leaving such a pleasant after-effect that makes one feel like wanting more." This new variety was originated in Arkansas. The fruit is solid and will stand long shipment.

TAMA JIM. (Perfect). Originated in Iowa. Plant larger than Parker Earle; makes runners more freely. Blossoms perfect, with heavy pollen; fruit very large, heart-shaped, bright red color and delicious flavor. It promises to be a world-beater.

SUCCESS. We received these plants from the originator in Connecticut and now after fruiting several successive years we believe it stands at the head of all berries now grown for early market. Only two or three days later than Excelsior which is first in season everywhere. It is as large and productive as Bubach which it resembles very much in plant and foliage, by far the largest berry in its early season. It is so good that even quite late in the season the berries were sold at a higher price than fine Bubach could command.

We unhesitatingly recommend the Success as one of the best early berries, and in our opinion the most desirable berry now available for market purposes.

STRAWBERRY PRICES FOR SPRING ONLY.

Prices for Fall on application.

Our plants are strong, well rooted, clean; they are carefully dug and carefully packed. The prices below do not cover cost of mailing or expressing.

	Per 100	1,000		Per 100	1,000		Per 100	1,000
Aroma.....(S)	\$ 0 50	\$ 3 00	Haverland.....(P)	\$ 50	\$ 2 00	Nick Ohmer	(S)	\$ 50 \$2 50
Auto.....(S)	1 00	5 00	Hero	(S)	1 00 5 00	Pennell.....(S)	1 00	5 00
Bismarck.....(S)	50	2 00	Hawaii.....(S)	1 00	5 00	Pocomoke	(S)	50 2 00
Brandywine.....	50	2 00	Johnson's Ea.....(S)	50	2 00	Porto Rico.....(P)	1 00	5 00
Bubach	(P)	50 2 00	Kansas.....(P)	50	2 50	Pride of Cumb'd(S)	50	2 00
Clyde.....(S)	50	2 00	Kittie Rice.....(P)	1 00	5 00	Success.....(S)	1 00	3 00
Climax.....(S)	1 00	5 00	Klondyke	(S)	1 00 5 00	Sample	(P)	50 2 25
Challenge.....(S)	2 00	10 00	Lady Thompson(S)	50	2 00	Senator Dunlap(S)	50	2 00
Century.....(S)	10 00		Leroy.....(P)	1 00	5 00	Sunshine.....(P)	50	2 25
Commander.....(S)	2 00	10 00	Lyon	(P)	1 00 5 00	Superior	(S)	50 2 50
Cameron Early.....(S)	2 00	10 00	Lester Lovett	(S)	1 00 5 00	Tama Jim	(S)	1 00 5 00
Dewey.....(S)	1 00	5 00	Marie.....(P)	50	3 00	Texas	(S)	1 00 5 00
Duncan.....	2 00	10 00	Minute Man	(P)	1 00 5 00	Tennessee.....(S)	50	2 00
Excelsior.....(S)	50	2 00	Midnight	(S)	1 00 5 00	Tilghman.....(S)	1 00	5 00
Ernie.....	2 00	10 00	Mark Hanna.....	2 00	10 00	Uncle Sam.....(P)	1 00	5 00
Gandy	(S)	50 2 00	Mrs. M. Hanna..	2 00	10 00	Uncle Jim	(S)	1 00 5 00
Gibson.....(S)	50	2 00	Monitor	(S)	1 00 3 00	Vandeberry	(S)	1 00 5 00
Glen Mary	(S)	50 2 00	Mills.....	1 00	5 00	Yant	(S)	1 00 5 00

In the above list we have a great many new and promising varieties not described, and we have about come to the conclusion that our customers would be just as well, if not better, satisfied if Strawberries were not described at all, for this reason: they differ so much in change of location and soil, that a variety that is extra fine for one locality is entirely worthless in another; and our advice to you is to simply test the new sorts that you do not know, by planting 50 to 100 plants of a kind on your own land; then, when you find the good ones, you will have the plants of your own to set. It would be no use to try to pick out only one or two sorts for this purpose, for you might pick those that would not suit your soil, but take say six to ten varieties, and you will be likely to get three to five good ones. Even if only one is better than anything you already have, you will be well paid for the whole investment; for besides what you want, your neighbors will want them if you have something good, and you can sell enough plants to them to pay for all you invested in the test lot.

Ivory P. O., Howard County, Md.

Dear Sirs: The trees and plants arrived safe and in first-class order. Many thanks for the extras. It was only a small order, but I will give you a much larger one in the fall. All my neighbors who saw them were very much pleased with the trees, and also the price I paid. One of them, who had a catalogue, came over to see me to-day, and told me not to send you another order without his too. Another neighbor, who had also gotten your catalogue, said to me on Monday last that he did not know there was a man in existence who sent out such trees for so small a price. He has been paying agents 25 cts. apiece for trees that were no better. He volunteered to send an order with me for fall planting. Wish you all the success imaginable, I remain,

Your friend and well-wisher.

EDWARD H. CROSS.

RASPBERRIES.

Red Raspberries are a very important crop with us, and we keep keenly awake to the introductions in that line. Our stock of plants is fine, and we recommend them to all berry growers.

BRILLIANT RED RASPBERRY (See illustration on front cover.) As is well known, we introduced the valuable and popular Miller Red Raspberry some years ago. Just after it came out we saw the **Brilliant**, and have been watching and trying it ever since. It is now offered, though, like Miller, it has been carefully tried and earned already much commendation among market growers.

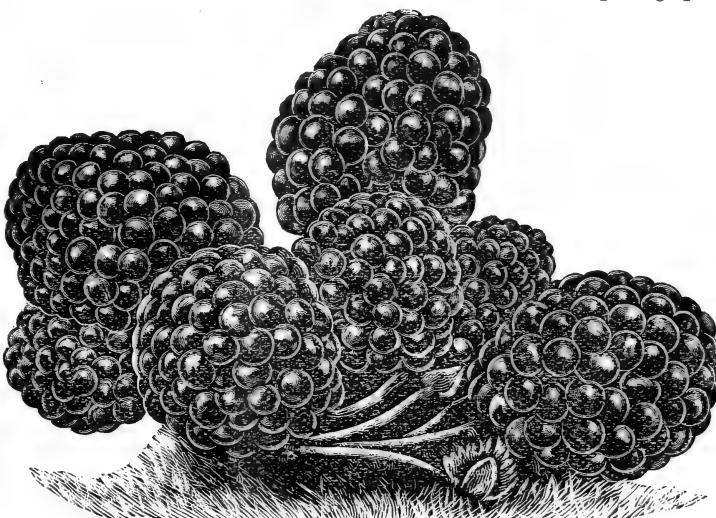
Brilliant is brilliant, both in color and habit; for one of its great merits is its trick of ripening up its crop fast—much faster than Miller. You get clean pickings of brilliant and glossy red berries, large in size, good in quality, and most attractive in color. There is nothing dull about **Brilliant**—it shines! Its color is toward that of the Japanese Wineberry, and in a long experience we have never seen a Raspberry with such a handsome gloss. "Handsome is as handsome does;" and **Brilliant** is truly handsome, for it "does" 2 to 4 cents a quart more than other Raspberries.

The canes are surely hardy, for they came through the terrible winter of 1898-1899 unharmed, though Miller could not stand the 15° to 20° below zero which tried the Delaware fruits. The wood is stocky, short-jointed, and the handsome canes are loaded with fruit, which ripens evenly and rapidly, ships in fine order, gets to market in all its brilliancy, and sends good returns to the grower, who usually needs just such help. **Brilliant** is in limited supply for this year, and the price of good plants is 25 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$10 per 100.

KING. The earliest Red Raspberry on record. It is the earliest Red Raspberry that makes the big money—they often sell for 25 cents per quart. It is thus described by H. E. Van Deman, the well-known pomologist: "Round, medium size; light crimson color; moderately firm and of excellent quality. A seedling of Thompson, and ripens about the same time, but larger and more productive." [Note that Thompson has for years stood as the earliest of Raspberries, red or black.]

CARDINAL. This wonderful berry is a surprise in the fullness of its merits—its great growth, extreme hardiness, and the exceeding productiveness of its choice red, rich, pure flavored berries. **Cardinal** is claimed to grow ten feet high, and bears in proportion. Leading horticulturists who have seen this berry say that it is one of the wonders of the century, so far exceeding all others as to put it entirely beyond comparison.

HAYMAKER. A purple cap, not so dark as Columbian or Shaffer, and much larger and firmer than either of those varieties; never crumbles, and stands up well in shipping. Sample crates have been shipped to distant points with entire satisfaction. It is a berry to grow for either home use or market. The originator has found it the *most profitable berry* ever raised for market, and has never yet been able to supply the local demand.



CUMBERLAND.

OTHER GOOD RASPBERRIES.

MILLER RED. This variety far exceeded its own fair promises, and is now well known as one of the most delicious and profitable Raspberries upon the market. Berry is as large as Cuthbert, round, and bright red; very firm; flavor rich. Very early, fruitful and hardy.

COLUMBIAN. Fruit very large, often an inch in diameter, somewhat conical; color dark red, bordering on purple. Seeds small, imbedded in a rich, juicy pulp; flavor distinct. Plants of enormous size; very productive.

Forest Glen, Ulster Co., N. Y.

Myer & Son, Bridgeville, Del.

Dear Sirs:—Stock has arrived in good condition; greatly pleased with it. Thanks for the same.

ISAAC TELLERDAY.

RASPBERRIES—Continued.

LOUDON. Seems to hold a place in the very front rank of Red Raspberries. Large, solid, good color; ships well; plants hardy and productive. Ripens over a long season.

CUMBERLAND. Undoubtedly the best of the blackcaps. Of great size, good quality, firm and handsome; plants vigorous and hardy, productive and free from disease. This new berry is gaining friends constantly.

PRICES OF RASPBERRIES.

REDS	By mail	Exp.	Exp.	CAPS	By mail	Exp.	Exp.	
	Doz.	100	1,000		Doz.	100	1,000	
Columbian.....	each 10 cents..	\$0 50	\$2 00	\$15 00	Gregg	\$0 40	\$1 00	\$7 00
Cuthbert.....	40	1 00	8 00	Palmer	50	1 50	7 00
Loudon	each 10 cents..	50	2 00	15 00	Cumberland.....	each 25 cents..	1 00	2 50
Miller.....	40	1 00	5 00	Haymaker	each 25 cents..	2 00	5 00
King.....	each 10 cents..	1 00	3 00		Cardinal.....	each 25 cents..	2 00	5 00
Brilliant	each 25 cents..	1 50	10 00					

BLACKBERRIES.

THE NEW "ICEBERG." Here is an anomalous specialty—a white Blackberry that is really good! It was originated by Luther Burbank, as the result of careful crossing, and is a descendant of Lawton as the strongest parent. The fruit, which is translucent amber, showing the seeds through the pulp, is of the most delicious quality, retaining that richness characteristic of a fully-ripe Lawton. The appearance of the plant, loaded with the exquisite fruit, is most pleasing; but more pleasing is the showing for market. Iceberg is productive, and the beautiful fruit ships perfectly. A shipment this season to Providence, R. I., attracted much attention, even though the fruit, through inadvertance, was shipped in an over-ripe condition. The receiver wrote us that the berries "would have brought 20 cents per quart, quick, if in good order." It is a novelty we can most heartily recommend to our friends. Price, 10 cents each, \$1 per doz., \$5 per 100.

Other Good Blackberries.

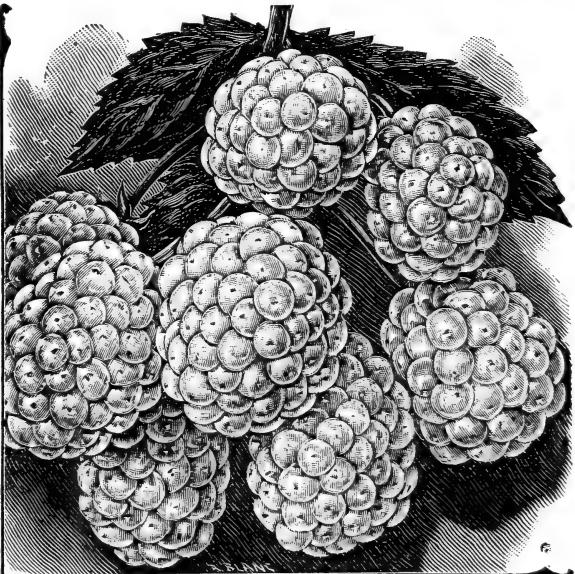
ELDORADO. Eldorado now stands high above any other Blackberry, and all agree that it has never winter-killed or failed to produce a full crop of the finest fruit. While it is of superior flavor and very large, the vines will also stand the winters of the far northwest without injury. The yield is enormous, the fruit being jet black, in large clusters, ripening well together.

LUCRETIA (Dewberry). This is an unusually early, large and handsome berry, of exceptionally delightful flavor. The plant is extremely hardy and very fruitful; of trailing habit.

MERSEREAU. This variety was originated in Western New York, where the mercury falls below zero each winter. It has been well tested and found to be perfectly hardy. It makes very large canes, is very productive, of large size, delicious quality, hangs on the bushes till fully ripe, does not turn red in the baskets, has an unusually long season.

Prof. L. H. Bailey says: "It is one of the most promising varieties I know."

R. M. Kellogg, president of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, says: "It is beyond all question the king of Blackberries for commercial purposes."



THE NEW "ICEBERG."

When you plant BLOWERS BLACKBERRY you set something with all the points.

1—The Strongest Grower. 2—Heaviest Fruiter 3—Best for Shipping 4—Finest for Canning.
5—Best Pie Fruit. 6—Largest Fruit. 7—Best Appearance in Market. 8—Hardest Bushes (not affected by severity of weather for thirteen winters.) 9—Season of Fruitage Longest.

Record for 1902 from 1-3 Acre: 2720 quarts, 4080 pounds, 85 bushels, 2 tons.

The crop this year from only one-third of an acre was 2720 quarts, which sold at 9 to 12 cents, aggregating at 10 cents \$272.00, or at the rate of \$816.00 per acre. This crop was produced without the most thorough cultivation, hence we believe that with the best care and fertilization an acre can be made to produce in value \$1,000. The plants will receive and assimilate all the fertilizer given them, such as stable manure, ashes and commercial fertilizer.

Bushes grow 14 feet high—On account of the sturdy nature of the plants in maturity, they should be set in rows not less than eight feet apart and four feet apart in rows. The canes, if allowed to grow, will reach a height of ten to fourteen feet, but should be kept pinched to six to eight feet in height. Begin to cultivate early and continue throughout the season. Fertilize heavily. Keep soil loose and free from weeds. Moist, but well drained ground is preferable. Chestnut loam is great Blackberry land.

PRICES OF BLACKBERRIES.

	Doz.	100	1000
Rathbun.....	\$1 50	\$ 4 00	\$25 00
Blowers.....	2 00	10 00	
Kenoyer.....	2 00	10 00	
Ward.....	2 00	10 00	
Mersereau.....	1 00	3 00	20 00
Iceberg.....	1 00	5 00	40 00
Early Harvest (genuine).....	30	1 00	5 00
Eldorado, No. 1, strong suckers	50	2 00	10 00
Eldorado, No. 2,.....	40	1 00	8 00
Loretta Dewberry, tips.....	50	1 00	5 00
Premo, tips.....	1 00	3 00	20 00
" transplants ...	1 50	5 00	30 00

☞ Dewberry Plants will be sent by mail at the dozen rates free of postage; at the 100 rates if 25 cents for 50 plants, and 40 cents for 100 plants, be added to the price.

CURRANTS.

CULTURE.—They should be planted in good deep soil, in a cool location, and manured very heavily. Keep them thinned out. Currant-worms can be destroyed with hellebore. For use, dissolve 1 ounce in 3 gallons of water, and apply with a syringe or small sprinkling can.

RED CROSS. Claimed to be twice as large as Victoria, to yield twice as well as Cherry.

BLACK NAPLES. The best black Currant.

CHEERY. Popular, large red market sort.

FAY'S PROLIFIC. Larger than Cherry.

NORTH STAR. Fruit large, sweet, rich, firm.

RED DUTCH. An old, well-known variety.

VERSAILLES. Large, bright red-crimson.

WHITE GRAPE. The best white Currant; large and productive; of excellent quality.

☞ MERSEREAU BLACKBERRY. (See opposite page.)

☞ Note.—Add 20 cents per dozen if to be sent by mail, as bushes are very large.

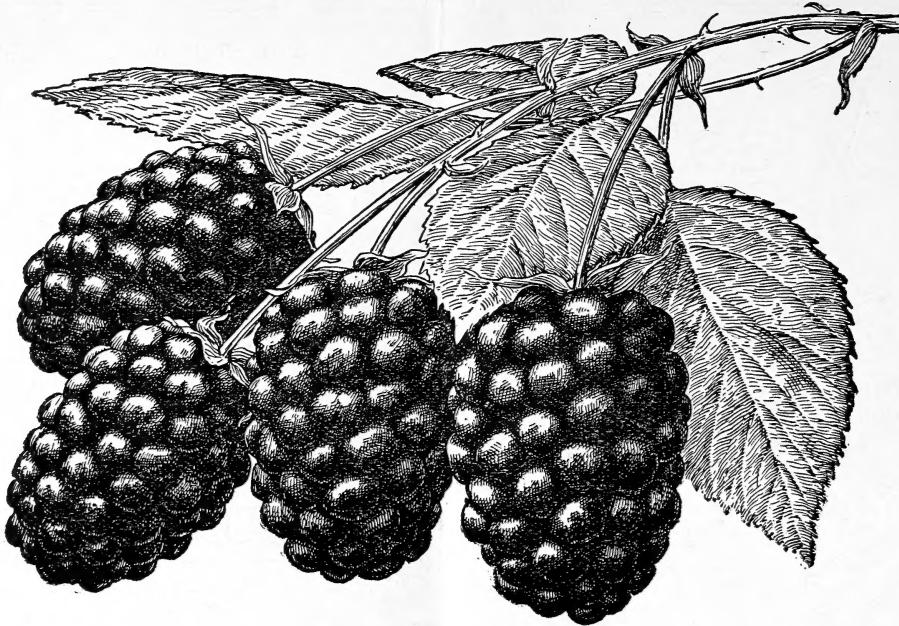
PRICES OF CURRANTS.

	One year		Two years		
	Mail	Exp.	Mail	Mail	Exp.
	Doz.	100	Each	Doz.	100
Cherry and Versailles. Large red.....	\$0 50	\$2 50		\$0 75	\$3 50
White Grape. White, handsome; good.....	50	2 50		75	3 00
Red Dutch. Very prolific.....	50	2 50		75	3 00
Black Naples. Good for jelly.....	50	2 00		50	2 50
Fay's Prolific. Red.....	each, 10 cts...	1 00	4 00	\$0 25	1 00
North Star. Red.....	each, 10 cts...	1 00	5 00	35	1 50
Red Cross. Red.....	each, 15 cts...	1 50		20	6 00

GOOSEBERRIES.

Culture same as for Currants.

	One year		Two years	
	Mail	Mail	Mail	Mail
	Each	Doz.	Each	Doz.
Chautauqua. Large, white.....	\$0 40	\$2 00	\$0 30	\$3 00
Columbus. Very large, productive.....	25	2 00	30	3 00
Downing. Good size; rich quality.....			1 60	1 50
Houghton. The old standby.....			75	1 00
Pearl. Hardy, large and good.....			25	2 00
			35	3 00



The Premo Dewberry.

A new extra early Blackberry of the Lucretia type. It is very large, jet-black, firm and good, and ripens its crop very fast.

It is with the greatest confidence and satisfaction that we introduce the **Premo Dewberry**, which, we believe, will bring more wealth to fruit-growers and dealers, and more satisfaction to consumers of Blackberries throughout the United States than any Blackberry has yet done.

For many years we have been looking for a large, early, productive Blackberry of the Wilson type. The Lucretia, when it came, was the nearest to our ideal, but now we have in **Premo** a prize still nearer to the perfect berry we are looking for, and as far ahead of Lucretia as Lucretia is of the Wilson. Just as Lucretia has taken the place of the latter, so **Premo** must inevitably take the place of Lucretia and Early Harvest.

We have tested **Premo** in every way before venturing upon its introduction, and we are upheld in our estimate of its great value by all fruit-growers who have seen it in bearing.

This **Premo** was found growing in a Lucretia patch, where its early ripening attracted instant attention. It closely resembled Lucretia in fruit, but all the berries on the vine were about ripe just as Lucretia was beginning to ripen a few scattering fruits. All Blackberry growers know how much more money this means to them. If the entire crop of Lucretia could be picked at the first or second picking, what a great difference it would make in the grower's bank account! Now you can do this by planting **Premo**, and you can do still more—for you can pick many berries before you can any of the Lucretia, and can finish at the second picking. You are then out of the glut which there is certain to be in our eastern markets in the next few years, as soon as the large acreage of Lucretia recently planted comes into bearing.

Those who plant **Premo** now will be ahead of the procession and reap a rich reward. For ourselves we can say that we intend to plant at least twenty-five acres of this berry for fruiting, as fast as we can spare the land and plants, which we hope will be the coming spring.

Please note that **Premo** has an imperfect blossom, so that every third or fourth row must be planted with Lucretia in order to fertilize the flowers.

Three Reasons why Premo Dewberry is Superior to Lucretia:

- First—**Premo** is 7 to 10 days earlier, ripening up the crop so fast that it is about all gone at the second picking of Lucretia.
- Second—**Premo** is as large as Lucretia, and of jet-black color, but of better quality and much firmer.
- Third—**Premo** has foliage of a darker green and more healthy looking than Lucretia's, and not inclined to burn when hot suns come, as the latter sometimes does.

MYER & SON,

Bridgeville Nurseries,

Bridgeville, Delaware.

STATE OF DELAWARE.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION.

Dover, Delaware, Sept. 25, 1903.

To Whom it May Concern:

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Bridgeville Nurseries, of Messrs. Myer & Son, at Bridgeville, Sussex County, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1904, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above-named premises unless such stock is covered by Certificate of a State or Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

We hereby certify that the nursery stock in this package has been fumigated in conformity with the rules of the State Board of Agriculture.

MYER & SON, Proprietors,

**Bridgeville Nurseries,
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Bridgeville, —————— Delaware.**



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